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Academic excellence is rewarded

by Kevin Khayat

On Friday, Oct. 28, 1983, Shaker Heights High School was awarded a plaque by the United States Department of Education recognizing the school's excellence in education.

The plaque was awarded during an assembly held fourth period in the large auditorium. Mrs. Nancy Harris, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for the Department of Education, presented the plaque.

Prior to the presentation of the

plaque, Principal C. A. Zimmerman made his opening remarks, stressing that "the educational structure nationally can be turned around with a total commitment. We can do it, we must do it, for there is no other way."

Superintendent Dr. Peter P. Horoschak introduced Mrs. Harris and gave a brief biographical sketch of her career. Mrs. Harris was at Shaker in substitution for Dr. Lee Verstandig, Assistant to the President on In-

tergovernmental Affairs, who, because of the invasion of Grenada, was forced to cancel all appointments during that week.

Mrs. Harris then spoke, praising the Shaker Heights City School District, its organization, and the students and faculty of the high school. Mr. Zimmerman later said that she "was impressed with the organization of the program and was pleased and honored in presenting the plaque."

At this point, the three class presidents, Kevin Semenoro, Kelli Richardson, and Kevin Khayat, along with Dr. Horoschak, Assistant Superintendent of the State of Ohio Dr. Robert Evans, and Mrs. Henrietta Silberger, P.T.A. President for the high school, were called on stage to receive the plaque.

Closing remarks came from Mrs. Katherine McWilliams, representing the Shaker Heights Board of Education. Student Council Secretary Lynn Mersfelder and Mr. Zimmerman then presented Mrs. Harris with a bright red sweater with "Shaker" printed in white letters across the front. They also gave her two additional souvenirs — a Shaker tie for Secretary of Education T. H. Bell and one for President Reagan.

In addition to the students and classes that chose to attend the assembly, Assistant Superintendent Raymond Cutten, Mayor Walter C. Kelley, and Dr. Lawrence Brisker, representing Congressman Louis Stokes' office, were in attendance.

Overall, the program went "very well," said Mr. Zimmerman, as he received "many positive comments from people about the school being nationally recognized, and that it (program) was a very worthwhile activity."

The plaque was given in coordination with the flag on display in the office that Mr. Zimmerman was presented with by Secretary Bell in Washington last Sept. 28. The plaque now hangs in Mr. Zimmerman's office where it will continually remind others of this system's excellence.

Leadership skill takes Rob Weissman to states

by Ken Danford

Robert Weissman has been selected to represent Shaker Heights High School in the Century III Leadership program. This extremely competitive, nationwide program attempts to recognize and reward high school students who have demonstrated excellent leadership skills and potential. Jason Bromberg and Allan Shapiro will serve as alternates.

To enter the competition, contestants completed an application covering several different aspects of their lives. This application required information regarding extra-curricular activities, community service, leadership skills, awards, work experiences, and a test on current events. In addition, a significant part of the judging was based on an essay the contestants composed during its "third century." The students had to not only write about problems, but also outline solutions, and explain how they might personally become active in solving them.

The Century III Leaders program awards a total of \$218,500

in scholarships to 204 young leaders. This program, sponsored by The Shell Corporation and the National Association of High School Principals, continues at the state level. A winner and one alternate from each state will be chosen to attend a national conference with the finalists from the other states. At this conference in Williamsburg, Virgin-

ia, March 2-5, 1984, the future leaders will have a chance to meet each other and discuss various issues of importance, while substantial scholarships will be awarded. Each state alternate will receive \$500, each state winner will receive \$1500, and the national winner will receive \$10,000.



Jason Bromberg, Allan Shapiro and Rob Weissman prepare for states.

CASARETT

Van Aken Air Rights Project flies ahead

by Liz Routman

The Van Aken Air Rights Project hopes to make use of approximately seven acres of "air" property over Van Aken Blvd. This area includes space over the rapid terminus, Van Aken, and the parking lot at the northwest corner of Farnsleigh Road and Van Aken. The space might be developed into a high-rise hotel or condominium complex basically for an increase in the tax base.

Shaker has a high property tax, caused in part by the limited amount of commercial property and the absence of industry within the community.

Early in 1982 the city appointed a committee of citizens to work with a developer and city planner. By June 1982, the CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) drew up the first development guidelines, and the city selected a developer, Tishman — Midwest, and gave that developer exclusive rights to the project. In return for exclusive rights the developer paid Shaker \$34,000 to come up with plans under a six-month contract. Approximately twelve meetings took place around the community to solicit citizen input and concerns.

In July the developer unveiled

some preliminary concepts but the committee did not think that the plans were within the development guidelines. Because the city was not ready to show the developer a firm commitment to do the project, Tishman-Midwest did not renew its option to continue.

The CAC proceeded without a developer to develop a master plan concept for the Van Aken project area. The plan included a change in traffic pattern. A series of community meetings took place in which no significant opposition to such a plan was found. Further studies, however, were made on the traffic plan and its impact on surrounding areas because of some concerns of businessmen.

The Planning Commission approved the basic master plan concept and recommended to the Shaker City Council that council approve the concept and recommend funding for further study. Council acted in September, approving the recommendations of the Planning Commission. In light of the concern by area businessmen, a cooperative analysis of traffic concepts was undertaken with those businessmen with a report due in sixty

days from a September date.

The city has taken definite steps in an effort to demonstrate to citizens and potential developers that Shaker is serious about moving forward with the project.

Minter and Schwartz are NCTE finalists

by Brent Silverman

Carolyn Minter and Jon Schwartz, Shaker seniors, were named finalists in the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) contest for their outstanding achievements and performance in writing. The contest's purpose is to encourage high school students in their writing and to recognize publicly some of the best student writers in the nation.

The contest consisted of submitting one sample that the student considered his or her best work, as well as an impromptu theme written under teacher supervision in one hour. The topic was designated by the NCTE.

Carolyn and Jon both found the impromptu essay on the "quality of life," relating to two literary works, to be general and

difficult to attack. Both students eventually relaxed and collected themselves, but Jon said, "One of my strongest memories was that of Mr. Hanson offering us coffee to calm us down, but caffeine makes me nervous so I only had half a cup."

Both students felt that the contest would increase their chances of getting into the colleges of their choice. They also felt comfortable with their writing skills and the possibility of using them in their fields of work.

When asked how they felt after they were announced as finalists, Carolyn said, "It's a nice feeling at first. Then you wonder what other people wrote and why your work had won."

Jon cracked, "Oh, I took it all in stride!" Then on the serious

woman running mate; both instances would be firsts for the Democratic Party and the nation. Observers believe that while his candidacy will cause more Blacks to register, thus helping the Democratic Party, Jackson will succeed in taking votes away from the other liberal Democrats running for office. *Washington Post* columnist Haynes Johnson states that the concern of the Democrats is that a Jackson candidacy "will inevitably turn black voters against them, thus assuring the re-election of Ronald Reagan." Whatever the arguments, Americans will soon have the first opportunity to support a minority candidate for President.

Barriers blocking streets running from Cleveland's southeast side into Shaker were temporarily installed this week. Acting on requests from the Moreland Community Association, Mayor Walter C. Kelley had temporary barriers placed at the corners of Van Aken and Ashby and at Milverton and Sutton Roads. However, the barriers may be very temporary, since protests have already been voiced by Cleveland and Shaker residents who use the roads to shorten driving time.

Local, state, national news are subjects of controversy

by John Hemann

During the week ending Nov. 4 when our paper went to the printer, some significant developments occurred on the national, state and local levels. Here are a few.

Perhaps one of the more far-reaching and generally important facets of the invasion of Grenada was the exclusion of the United States and foreign press. The president of CBS news charged that it "introduced a new relationship with the press, a relationship virtually unknown in United States history." Most major networks and newspapers have condemned the censorship while the Reagan administration defends their action by professing to have only the safety and security of the operation and the media in mind. This is but another example of the ongoing conflict between the rights of the American people to have access to government actions and the government's responsibility to national security.

Another controversial news item appearing this week was the announcement by Jesse Jackson that he is running for the Democratic presidential nomination. Furthermore, he will seek a

All humans have human rights

by Caleb Nelson

Our judicial branch has proclaimed that one's humanity depends on his mental capabilities.

An infant afflicted with Downs' Syndrome, a crippling and debilitating disease, was effectively murdered by his parents, who denied him a minor operation that would have enabled him to eat. Recently, a judge upheld the actions of the parents, stating in his decision that the baby, because of mental retardation, was not really a person, and therefore was not entitled to basic human rights.

This doctrine must be condemned by all democratic people. No test of intelligence should be used to determine one's protection under the law. Rather, all men ought to be accorded equal protection, regardless of individual characteristics. Depriving a person of his rights, and of his status as a human, on the basis of intelligence is as unjustifiable as discrimination on the grounds of race or sex.

That judge's decision calls to mind the frightening concept of a master race, supposedly superior in heritage to all others. To allow the murder of those genetically inferior to us is to allow the rekindling of a situation akin to that of Hitler's Germany. No degrees of humanity should be established. There is no real difference between condoning the willful murder of a retarded child and permitting the deaths of all those

who cannot bench press a certain weight or score above a particular mark on the SAT.

Once one's rights become dependent on personal traits, there can be no true democracy. Democracy is based on the concept that men need not earn fundamental rights, but are endowed with them by their Creator. It is the duty of the state to protect its citizens from murder; this protection is not a privilege that can be granted to certain select individuals while being withheld from others. Rights, at least theoretically, are rights, and should be treated as such.

Supporters of the judge who sparked this controversy might claim that it is none of the government's business to impose its concept of morality onto its citizens. They might hold that it is up to the parents to decide whether they are able to cope with the problem of caring for a retarded or otherwise impaired child. Yet this argument ignores the basic concept of law.

Law is established to regulate society and to protect individuals from each other. Law is therefore necessarily an imposition of morality, since any definition of what constitutes crime involves a moral decision. Thus, our government has set up countless moral precepts which we must follow.

Therefore, since all law is based on morality, there can be no

question that it is not the business of the government to decide whether or not the baby should have been allowed to starve. The major argument in favor of the court's decision must therefore fall.

In our society, dead babies have moved from a subject of levity to a serious political issue. In short, they are no longer jokes.



Grenadian invasion had questionable motives

by David Michel

"(We have been invited) to render urgent assistance, including assistance with armed forces... This decision is fully in accord with the right of states to individual and collective self-defense... The decision safeguards peace... (Our) troops will be immediately withdrawn as soon as the threat is eliminated." It sounds like an American press release on Grenada. Actually these are the words of the Soviet news agency Tass the day after the Warsaw Pact invaded Czechoslovakia. In our attempts to foil the Russians, we are becoming increasingly like them.

Certainly there are differences between their invasion of say, Afghanistan, and our interference in Grenada. One of these is that Grenada is a tiny island nation 1500 miles away from us that posed no direct threat to our national security. Afghanistan, however, is a nation of millions directly bordering on the Soviet Union and capable of importing the Islamic Revolution and exporting it to Russia. No, we don't go around bombing the civilians in Grenada, but that is only because we don't need to. Vietnam should be ample proof that we would were it necessary. Unlike the Soviets in Afghanistan, we probably won't establish a big military presence in Grenada, but wouldn't it be nice if we could use that airport since the

Cubans were building it anyway.

We supposedly "projected" our influence into Grenada in order to keep it from becoming a Cuban base and to rescue our citizens there. This doesn't seem to be holding up anymore. Apparently U.S. intelligence reports weren't so bad, and there actually weren't more than 200 fighting Cubans on the island. There apparently is not a terrorist training base on Grenada as was alleged. Mr. Reagan appears to have exaggerated when he said that there were rooms of Soviet weapons piled to the ceiling on Grenada. According to the New York Times of Nov. 6, reporters found that the "warehouses were no more than half-full, and many weapons were antiquated." No documents have been found to support claims that the late prime minister Maurice Bishop's assassination was Soviet backed. In fact, Cuba appears to have been closer with the former government of Grenada. Finally, American medical students appear not to have been in as much danger as was supposed. The students themselves have admitted to being terrified during the invasion but are divided as to whether they were in danger before it. Moreover, the administration now admits to having received repeated assurances from both the Cubans and the Grenadians that the students

would not be harmed and could leave if they wished. In fact, the airport was open the day before the invasion and four charter planes did leave.

The American invasion of Grenada did achieve an admirable goal. We did stop a Cuban advance, however small. But if the trouble all stems from Cuba, why didn't we invade it. One of the major reasons for the Grenadian invasion was that it was a feasible flexing of U.S. might. Even our claim that we are protecting democracy sounds hollow when one recalls that we supported the Shah of Iran, Marcos in the Philippines and Pinochet in Chile. We didn't so much protect democracy as scratch a Communist itch that we had the power to reach. The Cubans and Nicaraguans don't seem to be shaking in their boots. We proved that if you drop an anvil on an ant, you'll crush it. But Marines walking around Beirut with unloaded guns, masquerading as peace-keepers combined with our elephantine swat at the Grenadian gnat would seem to tell the world that we are not yet willing to step beyond feasible extensions of our power. If you play cat and mouse, you must be willing to be eaten. Vietnam and Afghanistan were supposed to be feasible too.

Press was barred from Grenada

by Robert Weissman

The recent invasion of Grenada was met by extremely diverse reactions. Yet despite what one thinks about the invasion, it should be obvious that President Reagan's policy of restricting press access to the island of Grenada is totally unjustified. Reagan's actions strike at one of the basic tenets of our democratic society — freedom of press.

During the early part of the invasion, reporters were not allowed in Grenada. As the fighting waned, reporters were taken on tours of the island guided by the U.S. government. Since the resistance has been crushed, most restrictions have been lifted. Yet most of the information we have received about the fighting was governmentally reported.

Supporters of Reagan's policy point to Vietnam as an example of why press rights must be restricted. They argue the nightly television broadcasts from Vietnam were responsible for the public opposition to the war and the subsequent U.S. defeat there.

They continue by saying that the press should not dictate U.S. foreign policy. These arguments ignore the fact that the United States is supposed to be a democracy, and if the people are opposed to something, the nation's policies are supposed to reflect that opposition.

Protection of a free press is guaranteed in the Constitution. A free press informs the public and enables them to make intelligent decisions about government. The press blackout violates the Constitution, precludes the public from becoming truly knowledgeable, and raises questions as to what Reagan wants to hide.

With Reagan's claim that the U.S. invaded Grenada to protect American lives exposed as untrue by the information that Grenada offered to send the Amer-

ican students home, the only justification left for the invasion is "we needed to stop Cuban imperialism." This claim clearly requires evidence, but it has not been supplied. Elizabeth Sullivan wrote in the Nov. 3 Plain Dealer, "U.S. reporters under military escort were cut off when they tried to interview a Cuban prisoner... The number, armament, and fighting disposition of Cuba troops have been impossible to maintain."

The great irony of the invasion is our justification for going into Grenada. Reagan proclaims that the Marines went in to protect the democratic principles that are so vital to Grenada and Caribbean nations. Yet at the same time he is twisting these same principles here in the United States.

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Academic pressure takes its toll

by Jeanne Boland and David Bartram

Shaker Heights High School has a reputation for being one of the best schools in the country. As usual, however, there is a price for this reputation, and we, even as students who are basically caught up in the problem to be discussed, believe that that price has become too high.

The emphasis at Shaker, as at many other reputable schools, is placed heavily on academic achievement. The intense academic pressure that accompanies this emphasis on achievement has some consequences that we

see as tragic.

Students, especially those in A.P. classes, are competitive to the point of petty jealousy. When someone receives a good grade, he or she is often happy not only because of having done something well, but because of beating out other people in the class. An immediate reaction upon receiving a graded test is to look around the room and ask other people, especially the smart ones, "What did you get?" The same comment applies for SAT scores and college acceptance (or rejection) letters. Often the fear of rejection by a college is greater than fear of the college rejection itself. One can also enhance self-esteem by getting into a college that someone else did not get into. Because of this kind of competition, the real purpose of our education, which is to learn and grow as a person, is lost.

Intense academic pressure also creates students that are selfish and egocentric. Students become so obsessed with their academic success that they become socially and politically apathetic. If an issue does not affect them personally, they do not see a need to become involved. Many Shaker students are conservative, not necessarily in a political sense, but in an emotional sense. We are afraid to risk anything, and consequently it is difficult for us to change and grow. We become narrow-minded, and we refuse to accept the values and beliefs of

others, because our own achievement and gains are foremost in our minds.

Let's look beyond high school and college for a moment. If we are egocentric and wary of change, how will we adjust to society? The answer is, not very well. High school and college graduates are being sent into the world believing that society owes them something. They want to know how much they can get rather than what they can give. All of us, as students, have been told to study hard now because it will pay off later. This attitude is carried from high to college to career to retirement, and we therefore are forever living in the future, instead of looking at the needs of the world around us.

We are not saying, don't work at all in school. We don't want a nation of high school dropouts. Rather, put your academic life in perspective. Don't sacrifice your personal and social life to maintain a good grade point average.

Physically, intense academic pressure is not healthy. The statistics on teenage suicide and drug abuse are staggering. There are more teenagers suffering from depression, ulcers, and psychological disorders like anorexia than ever before. Academic pressure is not the sole cause of these problems, but it is a contributing factor. Academic success is worth nothing when we sacrifice our physical and mental health to achieve it.

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Choirs reveal talent

by Cathy Carter

The coming year for five choral groups at Shaker promises to be one of the best in many years. The groups themselves are talented and full of spirit.

The choral groups include the A cappella Choir of juniors and seniors, the sophomore Concert Choir, the junior and sophomore Ensemble, and the selected groups of the Chamber Choir and the Chanticleers.

Mr. John Everson, the vocal department director explains, "This year's choirs are the best I have ever had."

Although the Concert Choir is half as large as usual, Mr. Everson says, "Quality is always better than quantity." The only problem with the size of the group is that there may be restrictions in the type of selections performed.

Band finishes spirited season

by Laura Adamson

The Shaker Marching Band is a most active group in this high school. They are found practicing in the Band Room at 7:30 each morning during the football season. Not only do they play at every home game the Raiders play, but they often send a pep band to school and community-related functions. Among the functions this year were the Woodbury Road Race and the Garfield game. As those in the band say, "The home team may lose, but the band always wins." The statement seems true because the band has much more than just music produced by instruments, it has spirit!

The band season really starts one week before school opens in September. This year was no different, except for the 90 degree weather. Players suffered through it, learning the basics of marching in time. What was produced was a band that marched and knew their moves to a "T".

The Shaker Band Front was also in perfect form this year. The front consists of the majorettes, flag-bearers, and the pom-pom girls. They are under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Wheeler. They did many dance steps to marching band music. "Charleston," "Billie Jean," and "Flashdance" were among the favorites of the crowd.

The Shaker Marching Band was the climax of the recent choral and instrumental concert. Among the songs played were "Operator," "Eye of the Tiger," "Night Beat," and "Brass Roots." A highlight of the night was the drum section, which performed their cadences skillfully to the screams of encouragement from the crowd and band. Now that the marching band season is over, Shaker Concert Band will resume. Mr. Fred Mosier directs both the Concert Band and the Jazz Ensemble.

Announcement

The play **Our Town** was cancelled because of the painting and the rewiring of lights that will be done in the large auditorium during November and early December. The play was scheduled to be performed Dec. 1, 2, and 3. Mr. James Thornton, the director, is disappointed about the cancellation but acknowledges that the auditorium needs the work that has been planned.

Mr. Everson also stressed that over the years Byron had contributed more choral students than Woodbury.

Mr. Everson states that because of the combination of fine musicianship and the high level of energy, his teaching has been given a lift this year. Mr. Everson says, "Students make or break what happens. The students themselves must respond."

"Pizzaz!" is what Mr. Everson describes the choirs as having this year.

The first display of the choral groups' abilities was the fall concert on Nov. 4. The A cappella Choir performed a special tribute to George Gershwin.

Mr. Everson explains, "This is the year of the revue, not the musical." A revue is a group of related songs with a central theme. Mr. Everson says, "The revues give individuals within the groups a chance to do individual acts."

In the future, the A cappella Choir will perform a revue entitled Broadway. The songs in the revue will deal with the theme of Broadway hit melodies.

The A cappella Choir, as in past years, will participate in the regional Solo-Ensemble Contest, at which they are always successful.



Dining Room kicks off new season of theater

by Eric Hanson

Dining rooms are usually considered as merely places to eat on special occasions. Rarely does one think of how what goes on in the dining room reflects how people look at life.

A. R. Gurney, Jr., however, thought enough about the implications of dining rooms to write a play about them. The production of this play, titled simply **The Dining Room**, opened the Cleveland Play House's 68th season on Oct. 7 and played through Nov. 20.

The play consisted of continuous series of short scenes that all take place on the same set, a handsome dining room. The six cast members — Sharon Bicknell, John Buck, Jr., Morgan Lund, Evie McElroy, Carolyn Reed, and Wayne S. Turney — portray approximately ten characters each in the performance, ranging from small, hyper-active children to an adult suffering from memory loss. Though the scenes varied in situation and character, each dealt with the importance of dining rooms and incidents relating to them.

The play was mostly about the attitudes of the American ethnic group called White Anglo-Saxon Protestants. Gurney plays on the excessive concern of some people, especially WASPs, for their reputations, possessions, and traditions.

In one scene, Morgan Lund is at the home of an older relative played by Sharon Bicknell. The woman, who is very wealthy and

ful. They will also participate in the Lake Erie Choir Festival, which will be held at Valley Forge this year.

Mr. Everson looks forward to this year as being both fun and enjoyable. His goal for this year as with every year is to help each group reach its finest potential musically. Mr. Everson states, "Disappointment only sets in when this goal is not reached."



AFS holds pancake breakfast

by Beth Mercer

On Saturday, Oct. 29, Shaker Heights area residents enjoyed a delicious, successful, and exciting pancake breakfast. The American Field Service held the event to raise funds, specifically for scholarships enabling Shaker students to travel to foreign countries as A.F.S. students.

The breakfast was held in the Shaker High School Cafeteria from 10:00 until 2:00, and was open to the community. Individual tickets were \$2.98, but a family of four or more could get in for \$9.98.

obviously knows it, poses with her prized silver and china while Morgan's character snaps picture after picture. The elderly woman finally asks her younger relative why he is taking the pictures and discovers that he plans to use them for an archeology class project on ancient civilizations and vanishing breeds of people.

Another situation in which Gurney seeks to expose the foolishness of the "elite" deals with the verbal insulting of a relative at a local club. Drastic measures are taken by the entire family to defend their fellow member. Authorities are notified and all the family members are obliged to avenge this grave injustice, referred to by the head of the household as a "family tragedy."

Gurney's play deals with some of the foibles of our society and raises questions through his satirical humor. Yet he writes as one familiar with his subjects and without hostility.

The Play House will feature William Shakespeare's **The Tempest** through Dec. 11, and its only musical for the season, **A Day in Hollywood, A Night in the Ukraine**, written by Dick Vosburgh with music by Frank Lazarus, will run from Nov. 25 through Jan. 1. And, of course, the traditional production of Charles Dickens' **A Christmas Carol** will be staged from Dec. 16 through Jan. 1. A sizeable discount for students is available. For details call the Play House box office at 795-7000.

DAVE'S DISC

by Dave Richman

It could very well be possible that the reason that the new Genesis album is titled simply **Genesis** is that those bygone days of "Lamb Lies Down on Broadway" and "Tricks of Tails" are as dead as your Aunt Henrietta. Now, the more refined, sleeker sound present in the last few years defines this band.

Let's get funky with Phil! Drummer/vocalist Collins increases his leader foothold with each passing track on this record, leading the rhythm and blues from his solo albums to "Just a Job to Do," and the heartache of his broken marriage to "Taking It All Too Hard." It seems to me that guitarist Mike Rutherford and keyboard player Tony Banks are slowly fading back into the sideman category, though Banks' playing finds its way more than a

few times through the mix into the forefront.

Genesis begins with an eerie dirge "Mama," which I guess is good for the opening tune. Its steamy, rumbling sound sets up the listener for an albumful of the same downbeat stuff, only to surprise you with a simple blues-flavored ditty, "That's All." After that, the sky's the limit in regard to pop tunes. With songs like "Illegal Alien" and "It's Gonna Get Better," who needs Journey, Styx or M.S.B.? We've got Genesis playing the same thing.

These guys have been around for so long that it's really no wonder that they altered their sound to a more accessible one. By accessible, I mean to young impressionable ears attached to wallets.

Film portrays real characters

by Joni Johnson

The Right Stuff, now premiering at the Colony Theatre on Shaker Square, is a superbly written screen play of "how the future began."

The film, described by Pat Collins of CBS News as "the most important, thrilling and inspired movie of the year," deserves nothing less than an Emmy nomination. The characters are real, the plot is interesting, and the effects are tremendous.

The Right Stuff focuses on the lives of seven men who venture to become the first American astronauts launched into space. The movie is three and a half hours in length, and during the first hour you find yourself back in the year 1947, when a test pilot named Chuck Yeager managed to break past the sound barrier. Not only are you intrigued by the excitement of the first hour of the film, but you will find that the somewhat innocent humor will keep you on the edge of your seat.

The rest of the movie is concerned with the introduction of the NASA Space Program, the astronauts involved with the Mercury shuttle, and the encompassing media.

Senator John H. Glenn, presently a Democratic candidate for the United States Presidential nomination, is one of the featured astronauts who became the first American to orbit the earth, three times in less than five hours. The remaining six astronauts who participated in the Mercury program are Alan Shepard, Gordon Cooper, Virgil Grissom, Scott Carpenter, Walter M. Schirra, and Donald K. Slayton.

These men are not only excellent pilots but astounding human beings as well. They are caring, carefree, and close and were clearly the best choice for the first American space exhibition. The movie portrays them in an excellent light; not how they are supposed to be, but how they really are. The first astronauts were chosen for the program because they contained "the right stuff," but more than that, they were "the right stuff."

Recommended for mature audiences, **The Right Stuff** contains no violence, sex or nudity. Parental Guidance is suggested because of some strong language and sexual suggestions. Don't miss this spectacular motion picture event! Now showing at a theatre near you.



Decathlon team takes shape

by Darin Bartram

This year, Shaker Heights High School will be hosting the third annual Academic Decathlon. The event is a competition which tests students in ten categories, including literature, fine arts, history, science, mathematics, economics, essay writing, speech presentation, effective interviewing techniques, and finally, a "super quiz." The super quiz will involve The Olympics sporting event and deal with specifics about its history and past win-

ners. The decathlon will test students on both general and specific information concerning these ten categories.

The Academic Decathlon originated in California, where it is a highly organized event. The California organization invited Shaker Heights High School to send a team to California in 1982, and Shaker went there to compete. Last year, the school's principal, Mr. Al Zimmerman, invited schools from Northern Ohio to

participate in a decathlon here. Mentor was the winner and then represented this area in California in 1983. The decathlon for 1984 will be held at the high school on Jan. 14.

The 1984 team consists of six

contestants and three alternates. Its members are Emily Hooper, Elizabeth Kelly, Caleb Nelson, Julie Schwarzwald, Allan Shapiro, and Kim Van Valkenburg, and alternates Brad Albert, David Brode, and Joi Taylor. The

team is made up of three "A" students, three "B" students and three "C" students.

The Shaker Academic Decathlon coaches are English teachers Mr. Steven Fox and Dr. Carol Fox. Both teachers decided to coach the team because they believe coaching could help ensure a victory for Shaker. They have also received help with materials from numerous others in the school.

If the 1984 team wins, they will go to the National Convention to be held in Los Angeles, California, in Apr. 1984. Next year's

team will be formed in the spring of 1984. If you are interested in being a member of that team, contact either Dr. or Mr. Fox.



Decathlon students will represent Shaker. CASARETT

Neves enjoys U.S. sojourn

by Sarah Silberger

Paula Neves arrived Aug. 12 from Brazil and is due to stay here through January. She is very pleased with her situation in Shaker Heights. Although school here is longer and the classes have more homework, she appreciates the differences between her Brazilian life and American experience.

In Brazil school begins either at 7:30 or 8:30 A.M. and lasts until 11:30 or 12:30 P.M. Their school resembles the German system in that they, too, have teachers change classrooms rather than students. Additionally, different subjects are offered on different days; this approach allows all the subjects offered in the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior years of an American high school to be combined and taught each year in the Brazilian high school.

In comparison with the Brazilian school, Paula finds Shaker Heights High School much more intense a learning environment. While in the Brazilian school there are 85 students per class, here there are at most 30, meaning the teacher is able to teach more effectively. Also, in the Brazilian school the teacher gives material to be studied for

an oncoming examination and the students are expected to learn it on their own. Below a "C" on a test in Paula's school constitutes failure. There are no levels within the Brazilian schools, but there are different level schools. For instance, Paula goes to the level five school, but there are lower level schools for less-motivated people.

She misses her Brazilian school, but misses her social life more. There is no drinking age in Brazil so she and her friends meet in a bar and then go to the beach and talk into all hours of the morning. Among the holidays she loves most are the Brazilian Carnival, four days of feasting, dancing, and singing, and the American Halloween. However, the change of seasons in Shaker Heights remains her favorite; this represents something special to her since Brazil has a tropical climate.

Paula is enjoying her sojourn in the United States and wishes she could stay longer. Unfortunately, there are some Brazilian school requirements that must be completed. So she has to return to Brazil in the beginning of February, when her school begins.

Race relations committee visits elementary schools

by Lawrence Antoine and Jonathan Baumel

One of the largest problems that the world faces today is how to eliminate racial prejudice and discrimination. A group of students at Shaker has decided to tackle this issue and help put an end to this world-wide plague. As a direct result of the John Gray program last year, Shaker students have formed the Student Group on Race Relations.

Dealing with racial problems is a very important, yet a very difficult matter for these students. In the Shaker school community, as well as in the United States, racial awareness is an essential task to face. This racial awareness group plans to visit all the elementary schools in the Shaker school system and meet with sixth grade classes. They hope to discuss racial problems that the children may have already or may face in the secondary schools. There has been very little resistance from principals or teachers to the group. Superintendent Horoschak strongly supports the program and wishes the students to visit the schools more often. They are scheduled for visits at least three times a year.

The group has already visited Malvern, Boulevard, Moreland, Ludlow, and Mercer and plans to make their presentation to the rest of the schools in the weeks to come. The presentation begins with a movie called "Eve of the Storm." Then they conduct group discussions about topics dealing with race relations which includes having the groups define prejudice, discrimination, race relations, and polarization. The group feels that they have had some success in helping the students understand the importance of judging a person by the contents of a person's inside rather than the appearance of one's outside.

The Student Group on Race Relations was formed during the summer by Ruth Diener, Emily Hooper, Rob Weissman, Kenneth Danford, BeRonica Steele, Michele Thomas, Alan Weiss, Rob Ware, Darrin Thornton, Marlene Pope, Tia Melton, Her-

man Graham, Brad Albert, and the teacher coordinator Mr. Zachary Green.

This program is designed to help children become aware of some of the problems they may encounter throughout their lives. The program stresses the importance of breaking down racial misconceptions and prejudices. In working with young children and ideas perhaps a little hard to deal with, this program takes many risks. For this reason, the members must be prepared to present the facts to the best of their ability, and from observations they do succeed. Many schools have already been visited and mixed responses have come back from the participants.

One significant problem has already been identified. The group targeted the sixth grade as the age to visit, but they have discovered that separation of races and race-related problems begin before grade six.

Talented students submit work to ARTS competition

by Laura Meckler

Attention all students with artistic skills who are looking for a chance to compete and be recognized for their talents. The answer is here. Art Recognition and Talent Search (ARTS) is a national program that identifies, recognizes and encourages young people who have demonstrated excellence in dance, music, theater, visual arts, and writing. ARTS is a national search for high school seniors (or other 17- and 18-year olds) with exceptional talent in any of these areas.

After a systematic review of each applicant's work by expert panels, the best qualified are rewarded and recognized. Out of more than 3,800 applicants in 1982-83, 12 percent were chosen for awards and recognition, which fall into four categories: finalists, semi-finalists, merit award recipients, and honorable mention recipients. The National

Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA), the organization of which ARTS is one program, provides \$400,000 in cash.

ARTS's primary purpose is "to identify high-school seniors who are committed to the arts, and have built up substantial records of artistic achievement, and to provide encouragement and support for their continued artistic development."

Applicants can enter into one or more of the five areas listed above. The different disciplines vary slightly in competition.

The categories of dance include ballet, jazz, modern, tap, other cultural dance forms and choreography. A videotape showing a sample of performance or choreography is required as well as recommendations from at least two people who are familiar with the applicant's abilities. These or similar recommendations are required for all five

areas.

The categories of music are classical (keyboard instruments, voice, orchestral instruments), jazz, popular, and composition. A tape of performance is required.

The only theater category is acting. Here also, a videotape is required.

The list of visual arts categories is a long one. It includes drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, and video, just to name a few. A portfolio of the applicant's work is to be included.

Finally, the competition in writing includes poetry, short story, script, novel section, and expository writing.

Shaker students who entered the ARTS competition this year are Emily Hooper, who entered in the theater category, and Deborah Beckles, Ruth Diener, Jim Moss, and Vanessa Roberts who submitted their works to the visual arts category.

Foxman honored with science award

Ethan Foxman, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Foxman, 24150 Hazelmere Road, was named the winner of the annual Bausch & Lomb Science Award at Shaker Heights High School. The Science Award — a handsome bronze medal — is presented each year to winners at more than 8,700 participating schools throughout the United States and Canada.

"The Bausch & Lomb Science Award is especially significant," according to Mr. David McNamara, science chairman, "because it recognizes the senior student at our school who has attained the highest scholastic standing in science subjects and has the qualities that are often associated with promising science potential."

As winner of the Award, Ethan Foxman is eligible for one of several four-year Bausch & Lomb science scholarships at the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY. Scholarship winners are selected on merit, and stipends, based on need, could range up to

\$7,500 per year. Bausch & Lomb, with headquarters in Rochester, New York, is a world-wide manufacturer of vision care products and scientific instruments.



Foxman gives a scientific look.

Raiders are successful

by Seth Rosenthal

If... if only the Raiders could have scored... if only they could have capitalized on that fumble... if only they could have won. For most of the 1983 Shaker Raiders' football season, these "ifs" did not loom large, for the Raiders controlled most of their games, posting an impressive 8-2 record. However, on the last night of the season, the Raiders failed to erase this last "if" and cash it in for a victory.

On a brisk November evening, the mighty Raiders took a muddy Byers' field with great aspirations and dreams. At 7:30 on this night, they were one hour of football and a victory away from, not only a share of the L.E.L. title, but also a possible state playoff berth. No other Shaker team had ever done that before in the school's history. But, by 10:00 on the same evening, their dreams of accomplishing this monumental feat had depressingly vanished. The Raiders, though one cringes when it is said, were soundly beaten by a hungry Valley Forge ball squad, 21-6. The Patriots ran roughshod over the rugged Raider defense to control the tempo and emotion of the game from the opening drive, one that culminated in a score.

The Pats proceeded to score two more times in the first half, taking a 21-0 lead going into the locker room. The Raiders came out excited in the second half, and things began to click, but a stalled drive and a costly interception on a subsequent drive all but spelled the end for a downcast Raider squad. Even when they scored with two minutes to go, the score seemed almost inconsequential because so much was riding on the game. They seemed so close, and finished feeling so far away.

Though the season ended on a sour note, it was too productive to be looked upon as a disappointment. Who would have ever expected this team to be in contention for the L.E.L. title, let alone the state playoffs? The papers had written them off to mediocrity before the campaign began, but the tenacious Raiders were determined to prove everyone wrong because they knew they could win... and they did.

Led by a strong defense and a consistent offense, the raiders' first three games resulted in victories over Chanel, Nordonia, and South. The L.E.L. title chase began with a loss to arch rival Cleveland Heights. This loss,

however, shaped up the team in giving them a humble yet intense attitude. In the ensuing game against league favorite Lakewood, who eventually did claim the championship, Shaker pulled off a stunning upset, 15-8. Riding on the heels of this victory, the stingy Raider "D" and "high-tech O" went on to win four straight over Normandy, Shaw, Garfield, and Parma, outscoring their opponents by a total of 127-13, before succumbing to Valley Forge.

By the end of the season, head coach Al Raymond and assistants Ed Tekieh, Ed Zednik, and Gene Kotmel had reason to be proud. They were the ones with the patience needed to engineer the victories and mold the characters of these talented Raiders. Credit must also be given to the players, all of them, including each and every senior who has dedicated approximately nine months of his life to Shaker football. They are Tom Boylen, Morice Moore, Steve Smith, Sam Philpot, James Wilson, Ken Jones, Trevon Chesney, Fred Hatten, John Richardson, Dan Wyman, Eric Harris, Bryan Moore, Phil Burkhardt, John Miller, Richard Bertman, John Correnti, captain Chris Jackson, Glenn Byers, Dwayne Wilson, Jim Lardie, Douglas Thornton, George Hopkins, captain Ab Igram, Harvey Gardner, Luther Johnson, and, manager Keith Asamoto.



CASARETT

JV squad earns first place rank

by Darrin Thornton

When the topic of football is brought up in Shaker, most people immediately think of varsity football. Granted varsity has a superb season this year, but the junior varsity squad has also established a creditable season with an impressive win-loss record of 9-1.

The team faced Chanel in their season opener and emerged victorious with a 14-0 shut out. They then marched on to Nordonia, defeating that team with a margin of 18-6. The "Preppers" from University School were the next victims of the JV squad. Shaker rolled over US, winning 30-0.

Cleveland Heights was the first team that Shaker met in league play. They showed no mercy, crushing Heights 28-0. The team then made its first home appearance of the year against Lakewood. In front of their feeble, but supporting crowd, they conquered Lakewood, 20-6. The next week Shaker invaded the home of the Normandy "Invaders," and once again those mighty JV Raiders received yet another shut out, winning 18-0. The Shaw Cardinals flew in to take on the Raiders and limped out after being battered thoroughly, 44-6. Shaker then toyed with Garfield, comfortably beating them, 28-0. This game was followed by the first upset of the season when the

"Redmen" of Parma frustrated the undefeated JV squad by winning, 8-0, after a hard-fought battle. The team ended its season by overcoming Valley Forge, 8-6.

The success of the squad this year was owed to the "good overall team play," commented coach Mark Leimsieder. The offensive line-up contained a very productive backfield, consisting of Cornel Penland, one of the team's co-captains who had an exceptional season, Greg Cummings, and Deon Hines at halfback. Keith Calhoun was in the fullback position along with the occasional appearance of Paul Stupay. Quarterback Tim Richards led the troops with Tom Puskar alternating. The lineman leading the way for the backs were Mike Heiskell at center, Sean Blyth, and Arthur Jenkins at the guard positions. Ken George, Matt Zimmerman, and Robert Bordonaro occupied the tackle positions. The offensive ends this year were Tim Khayat and Keith Bremer. The defensive linemen were as follows: Arthur Jenkins at middle guard; the other co-captain Dave Demarco, and Gary Murphy at tackle. Defensive ends were Peter Ludwick and Kevin Khayat. Calhoun, Tim Khayat and Stupay constructed the linebacker squad. The cornerbacks were Cummings and Curtis Owens. Penland was the safety. Stupay also performed all of the kicking.

McRae's message

by Bill McRae

During the past few football seasons, the average Cleveland football fan has blamed different people for the Browns' inability to win consistently. Philosophical fans tend to blame Sam Rutigliano's easy going nature. Common fans tend to a common whipping post, Brian Sipe. Radical fans go back to Art Modell's lack of wheeling and dealing. These fans fail to realize that the basis for any winning team is its ability to recognize "blue chip" prospects. With the advent of free agency, fans view this and trades as being the keys to success. Looking at past NFL dynasties will refute any such notions.

The Dallas Cowboys are the epitome of the value of strong scouting. They have come to be known as "America's team" because they win. It is important to note that practically all of Dallas' name players are products of their draft. Some may say that Dallas wins because of coach Tom Landry, but even HE wouldn't lead the Houston Oilers to victory consistently with their lack of tal-

ent. The Pittsburgh Steelers are another fine example of a team built from the draft. They have turned out a total of four Super Bowl victories. Pittsburgh players during those years were mainly products of very fine draft choices, some of which were late draft picks.

Looking at individual draft choices will further prove this thesis. Presently the leading AFC passer is Dan Marino. Marino was drafted 27th in the college draft behind five other quarterbacks, including the heralded John Elway. Another fine example is that of Cleveland's Boyce Green. An 11th round draft pick, Green is quickly becoming a fixture in Cleveland's offense.

The solution to this problem may lie in Cleveland's selection of scouts. Obviously, the teams like Miami, Pittsburgh, and Dallas have secured capable and experienced judges of talent. When a scout selects a Johnny Evans or Cleveland Crosby, and passes over a Kellen Winslow, then there is something definitely wrong. When a team picks someone who they know wants to run in the Olympics, and passes over players who would aid them today, very little good can result. Sadly enough, the Cleveland Browns are guilty of the worst mistake. They fail to realize that the roots of success in the NFL lie embedded in the perception needed to pick first-rate players.

Soccer finishes

by Steve Ellison

As colorful leaves turn brown and fall from the trees and the brisk air signals the coming of winter, another Shaker soccer season must come to an end. The Shaker varsity squad finished the season with an 8-8-1 record. To many on the team this was a disappointing season, as the team was picked by many to win the league and to go on to victory in the state tournament.

The season had many ups and downs. The team was off to an excellent start by winning the first three out of four games. The highlight of this streak was the 3-0 defeat of Brecksville on their home field. This was their first loss at home in the last ten years. At this point the season seemed to take a turn for the worst, the Red Raiders lost the next five of six games. Two of these losses were to arch rival University School, thus continuing the Shaker jinx to US for another year. The most upsetting loss, however, was to Hudson in the first round section of the state tournament. Shaker had previously overwhelmed them at home on the Lomond field by a score of 4-1.

Even with these major upsets, the Raiders completed the rest of the season with determination and persistence. They returned to the winning attitude of the early season and posted four victories in the last six outings. The team finished third in the Northeastern Ohio Soccer League Eastern Division with a 3-4-1 league record.

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Volleyball, field hockey find success

by Julie Snipes / Kim Arnstine

Since the first day of practice, the Shaker Girls' Varsity Volleyball team has been ready! The "Baby Ducks," as the players are affectionately nicknamed, have accumulated an awesome record of 19-1. The team consists of seniors Alison "Ali" Beard, Carolyn "C.C." Childs, Harriet "Harri" Hawkins, Tracey "Spike" King, Julie "Juls" Snipes, and Pamela "Sac" Williams, and juniors Lisa "Boogie" Booker, Marie "Hot Sauce" DeJesus, Lynn "Glick" Glickman, Shelley "Gump" Hart and Katherine "Ziggy" Ziegler.

At present, the Red Raider volleyballers have soared to capture the LEL title as well as the district championship. To become district champs, the girls had to rally and defeat four teams. They

killed Collinwood, kicked over Kennedy, romped on Regina, and made syrup out of Maple. The volleyball team now advances to play in the regionals. In order to win the regional tournament and advance to state, the girls must defeat two teams. Their first game was against Canton McKinley, Ohio's number one ranked team, on Saturday, Nov. 5, at Midpark High School. In order to play at their best in regionals, the Raiderettes have been working to improve all their weak spots. Everything must work precisely for them. They must anticipate the movement of the ball and know correct blocking and covering positions. The girls are hoping to play flawless games. Captain Carolyn Childs seems to sum up the entire team's

outlook of the remainder of their season in saying, "On any given day, any given team can beat any other team. When we win on Saturday, it will be because we've practiced intensely and we are psyched up and ready to play." Here's hoping they go all the way and win state!

Shaker's Varsity Field Hockey team ended an outstanding season in second place in the Lake Erie League and almost made it to the state championship.

With a record of 8-3 on the year, the varsity team outscored the opposition, 26-10 in regular season play. The junior varsity team concluded with a 6-2-1 record.

Leading varsity scorers were

Lyra Ghose with 8 goals and Kim Arney, Linda Roth, and Molly Sindelar each scoring seven goals.

In the last three games of the season, Shaker defeated Stow 2-1 and lost to both Woodridge and Western Reserve Academy by scores of 3-1 and 2-1.

The goals of the Stow game were scored by Lyra Ghose and Molly Sindelar, while Linda Roth scored in the Woodridge game, and Lisa Strauch scored against W.R.A.

In sectional play, Shaker first defeated Cleveland Heights, 2-1, with both goals scored by Lyra Ghose. The team next conquered Ottawa Hills, 2-0. Lyra Ghose and Linda Roth were the scorers.

Unfortunately, Shaker then lost to Hathaway Brown by a score of 1-0, a game, which if won, would have led the team to state.

Head coach Miss Linda Betley is not dissatisfied with the season. Though she believed there was potential for state, she was still pleased with the girls' performance this year. She is looking forward to next year as, "there are a lot of super people on J.V., and it looks like we will be in contention again next year."

Assistant coach Miss Mary Ellen Leuty observed that there was a noticeable level of improvement from the beginning of the year. She believes that there was more teamwork as the season progressed.

Tribute goes unnoticed

by Kristen Hess

While walking through the halls of Shaker, you might have noticed the pictures in the office hall above the glass windows. If not, look at them next time you go by. The pictures are of Shaker's state champions and All-Ohio and All-American recipients from 1927 to the present. What are some of those athletes doing today?

Ralph Stephan was the state champion in the mile in 1946. He continued his athletic endeavors as a member of the U.S. crew team and received a silver medal in the 1952 Olympics in London. This silver medal is the highest award the U.S. has ever received in this event.

Tempest Lowry was the 440 yd dash state champion in 1952. Now Lowry is a successful emergency room surgeon in North Carolina.

Gene Weiss was the 145-pound state champion in wrestling in 1953. He, like Stephan, contin-

ued his athletic career, and in 1957 he was the wrestling champion in the Maccabiah games in Israel.

In 1959 Vic Ippolito was awarded All-Ohio quarterback. Now he is a successful dentist in San Diego.

Jim McGeorge, broad jump state champion in 1962, is now flying jets in the U.S. Navy.

Dan Biello, an All-Ohio baseball player in 1965, is presently a physician in St. Louis.

Tim Karpoff was the heavyweight state champion in wrestling in 1970. He continued on in school to graduate from Yale Divinity School and is now a minister in Milwaukee.

Orlando Lowry, All-Ohio baseball player in 1965, is presently a starting linebacker for Ohio State University.

Take some time out from your busy schedule and look at Shaker's tribute to these fine athletes. Who knows, maybe your picture will be up there before you leave Shaker.

Steve and Zo's sports show

by Lorenzo Henderson and Steve Smith

The National Basketball Association season has begun and everyone from attorneys to zoologists are making their predictions on the upcoming basketball season. Basketball has some of the best athletes in the world, and any team can win on any given night. This makes the task of predicting a champion harder, but with our usual fearlessness we will try to come up with one for the 1983-4 season.

In the Atlantic Division, Moses Malone will again lead the 76's to the promised land. Philadelphia seems to have more depth than any other team in the league. Darryl Dawkins will help lead the New Jersey Nets to a surprising second place finish, knocking the Boston Celtics into third position. Center Bill Cartwright must rebound from a dismal past season for the Knicks to be successful. The Washington Bullets could prove to be another surprising team in the Atlantic Division.

In the Central Division, the Milwaukee Bucks will rule as they have for the past three years. Bob Lanier's knees will

probably hold up and Nate (Tiny) Archibald will be a good addition. Dominique Wilkins will sky the Atlanta Hawks into the playoffs with the inconsistent Detroit Pistons moving up into third place. Ohio State grads Clark Kellogg and Herb Williams will put the Indiana Pacers into fourth place. Reggie Theus is unhappy in Chicago, but when he wants to play, he is quite able. Oh yeah, the Cavs. Different owner; different coach; different players; same record.

Moving into the Western Conference we will start with the Pacific Division.

Nobody in the division can consistently play with the Los Angeles Lakers. Everyone on the team is nasty. If James Worthy and Mitch Kupchak had not gotten injured last season, who knows who would have the championship. The Portland Trailblazers are a team with lots of good players, but no superstars. Clyde "the glide" Drexler could change all of that, but we doubt it. Alvin Adams and Paul Westphal will come alive to lead the Phoenix

Suns into the playoffs. The SuperSonics boast the longest name in the league, but the worst defense. The Golden State Warriors will come in fourth place, because Joe Barry Carroll is overrated. The San Diego Clippers should clip a few wings of their own this season. Bill Walton, if healthy, will become the player he once was.

In the Midwest Division, the San Antonio Spurs will win going away. George Gervin is just the best offensive player in the game today. He can put it up from anywhere. What hasn't been said about Ralph Samson? He will have to settle for second place this season, though. He should be used to that after all of the times Virginia has choked. The Nuggets have the bomb offense, but they sport the swiss cheese defense. They are still a dark horse. The Dallas Mavericks are going to be in the Playoffs this year because of Mark Aquire and Jay Vincent. The Kansas City King will surprise a few people this season, but not on the basketball court.

Dancers begin to practice

by Jaime Kean

When students and teachers are winding down to forget school and go on holiday break, dancers are working their bodies to the bone for the annual holiday dance show which will be presented on Dec. 16, 1983. Everyone should look forward to expert

dancing. This year the officers of the club are co-presidents Susan Spero and Tony Harris, and co-vice presidents Liz Routman and Sara Friedman. Highlights of the upcoming dance show are the originality and spunk which Susan Spero choreographs and uses

in all of her dances. Tony Harris is also an excellent dancer who has extraordinarily high leaps and jumps.

Shaker Dance Club is made of fifty girls and guys. Three-fourths of the club this year is made up of sophomores. This is a "rebuilding year" because of the large number. The group is now involved in choreographing dances that will be used in the holiday show. The show will consist of fifteen different pieces choreographed by the students, and one group dance choreographed by Mrs. Margie Feran.

Shooters aim for awards

by Kristen Hess

One of Shaker's extracurricular activities which most people know very little about is the Rifle Club. There are approximately thirty people involved in this activity of which Mr. Martin Meshenberg is teacher-sponsor. Meetings are held every Friday at 3:30. Meetings, which are one hour long, are spent in the rifle range found in the basement of the school. Funds needed for the club are small. The government pays for all ammunition, so the school only needs to pay for its shipping.

At the beginning of the school year, each member learns how to

clean a gun and then keeps that one for use in weekly target practice. The rifle range is made up of several targets with sand surrounding them to prevent ricocheting. Members of the club automatically become members of the National Rifle Association, and awards from the NRA can be earned during the course of the year. Some of the awards which can be received are marksman, bar I, bar II, and bar III, depending on how many bullseyes are scored. Curtis Degenfelder, an active member in Rifle Club insists, "It's a good way to relax at the end of the week."



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